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## Hawaii "On Guard"

By Lt Col Ann Greenlee, 154 Wing Executive Officer

Within an hour of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, units of the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing were in action. The 169<sup>th</sup> Air Control and Warning Squadron (ACWS) was first up providing the Commander of the Pacific Air Forces, General William Begert, and his Director of Operations, Major General Thomas Waskow, with continuous information on aircraft in Hawaiian airspace. General Begert through General Waskow was in charge of the air defense response to ensure the safety of the Hawaiian Islands. The 199<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron (FS) was the next tasked to respond. The 169<sup>th</sup> ACWS scrambled our F-15s to escort all airliners to Honolulu International Airport. Meanwhile, the 203<sup>rd</sup> Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) launched to provide air refueling for our F-15s allowing them to maintain their coverage of the skies.

Back on the ground, all of our units responded to provide Wing security by manning entry control points and unit control centers. The 154 Security Forces Squadron augmented the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing Security Police providing security for access control points along with their active duty counterparts.

In the days and weeks following the disaster our long-term mission has emerged. The 169<sup>th</sup> continues to provide 24/7 information on all aircraft in the skies over Hawaii. The 199<sup>th</sup> FS provides F-15 aircraft on rapid response alert launch status. If the 169<sup>th</sup> is unable to make positive identification of any aircraft or if an aircraft declares an in-flight emergency, our F-15s are scrambled to intercept the aircraft, determine its identity and escort it to a safe landing. The 203 ARS is ready to launch a tanker to provide for sustained F-15 air defense missions should the need arise.

Our men and women are also volunteering to help support PACAF and 15<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing long-term requirements. Our people are serving on the PACAF staff, at the 15<sup>th</sup> ABW Dining Hall and out on patrol with the 15<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.

To make these missions successful requires the work of our technician force plus over 230 extra people on any given day. These are traditional Guard men and women who have voluntarily stepped forward to serve. We could not be successful without their volunteerism and we thank them for their service. We expect the fight against terrorism to be a continuing effort. It requires our support now and will continue to call for our service in the future. Be proud of the exceptional work we are doing. Together we are ensuring the safety of Hawaii and providing for the future of our great state and nation.



Photos by SrA Kristen M. Higgins, HIANG

154th Wing 2001 Family Readiness and UCI Appreciation Day  
POSTPONED Until Further Notice



# Commander's Call

By Brig. Gen. Albert "Putt" Richards, 154th Wing Commander

All of us in the 154th Wing express our deepest sympathies and humble prayers to our fellow comrades in arms, public servants, citizens, and their families. We need every member of this wing because we are now engaged in our Nation's battle against global terrorism. Since September 11th, the HIANG has been flying combat air patrol (CAP) and support missions over Hawaiian airspace protecting Hawaii's residents and property. I am very proud of the wing personnel who have "rolled up their sleeves" and unselfishly support these



missions. We are still continuing with our training missions in order to be ready for our federal mission: provide personnel and aircraft in the event of war, national emergency or operational contingency. As we *lean forward* in our



efforts to support our State, PACAF and PACOM, I want to impress upon each of you to "be safe." It cannot be stressed enough, the importance of OPSEC, COMSEC, and COMPUSEC. We are all responsible for Force Protection. The smallest piece of "harmless" information

can be the precursor to a very large security threat. In that vane, if you are asked questions by the news media, direct them to our Public Affairs Office. It is important that we heighten the awareness of our local community, our employers, neighbors, families, and friends to give them a better understanding of what we do. On Tuesday, 25 Sep, we invited the local news media to fly aboard our KC-135 tankers from the 203rd ARS to observe air-refueling of our F-15s from the 199th FS.



Photos by SrA Kristen M. Higgins, HIANG

# UCI

(UNIT COMPLIANCE INSPECTION)

## 2 - 4 November



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# Chaplain's Corner

By Maj. Robert K. Nagamine, Chaplain, 154 Wing

Much has happened since last month's drill — the September 11 terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center, anthrax scares in Florida and New York, and other world events. I hope that we all have taken time for spiritual comfort and reflection.

For many people it was and still is difficult to understand, accept and deal with. The depth and breadth of this tragedy is incredible. On a positive note, I heard that one of my chaplain friends was at the Pentagon but not hurt. I also know of at least two other friends that were at the Pentagon but not injured. But on a negative note, one of many, there were still the 189+ who were killed at the Pentagon, not to even mention the 6,000 killed in the World Trade Center.

When I think about what happened to our nation, a scriptural passage comes to my mind...

*"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;" 2 Corinthians 4: 8-9*

Though the above passage doesn't directly relate in this context, it does convey the message that with God we shall have the will and strength to recover and make a comeback. As a nation and a military, we may have been hurt but with God's help I believe that we will strongly recover and prevail.

If you are having a difficult time dealing with the events of September 11 and desire to talk with me, give me a call at 947-3582 (hm) or 448-7275 (office).

Note: Starting this drill, the new time of our Protestant Worship Service is 1230-1300 on Sunday UTAs at the Logistics Group Conference Room, Bldg 3416. You are



## A Word from the Chief

By Chief Master Sgt Stanley J. Gomes, Jr.  
State Command Chief Master Sergeant

It seems like questions always arise when the words "Promotion Ceremony" comes up. While many are in favor of promotion ceremonies, there are some who question why we need a ceremony for all new promotees, and others who say it's such a bother and a waste of time. Others say they don't need it and feel embarrassed by having a ceremony in their honor.

It would behoove us to remember that the reason we have a ceremony is to recognize individuals for their achievements, dedication, and the effort it took to make it to the next level.

In the Guard we always talk about recognizing our people for their achievements and accomplishments, well here is a program that does it. For this reason all should be encouraged to use these ceremonies to honor our people.

It is my hope all Commanders and SNCOs push this issue and have a PINNING Ceremony for all new promotees.



## Congratulations!

The following Enlisted HIANG personnel were promoted to the rank indicated effective Sept '01

SMSgt John S K Chun 154 MXS

MSgt Juanito L Tabieros 154 MXS  
MSgt Douglas K Pilaes HQ 154 LG  
MSgt Dexter J J Yuen 154 LSF  
MSgt Guy I Hironaka 154 OSF  
MSgt Glenda M Buis HQ 154 SPTG

TSgt Lorie J McManus 154 SVF

SSgt Melissa L Chock 154 OSF  
SSgt Roryanne K Maynard 154 AGS  
SSgt Sanders C Dayacos 154 CES  
SSgt Athena L Atiz 154 MDS  
SSgt Terry M Iwamasa 154 MXS  
SSgt Tomoko G Feagles 293 CBCS  
SSgt Damon N Nakatani 297 ATCS  
SSgt Kevin W K Neves 297 ATCS  
SSgt Anthony T Ramirez 297 ATCS

## Worship Services



### Protestant Service

Sunday UTAs  
1230 154<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group  
Conference Room  
(Building #3416)

### Jewish Service

(Pearl Harbor)  
Fridays  
1930 Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel  
(Makalapa Road)

### Catholic Services

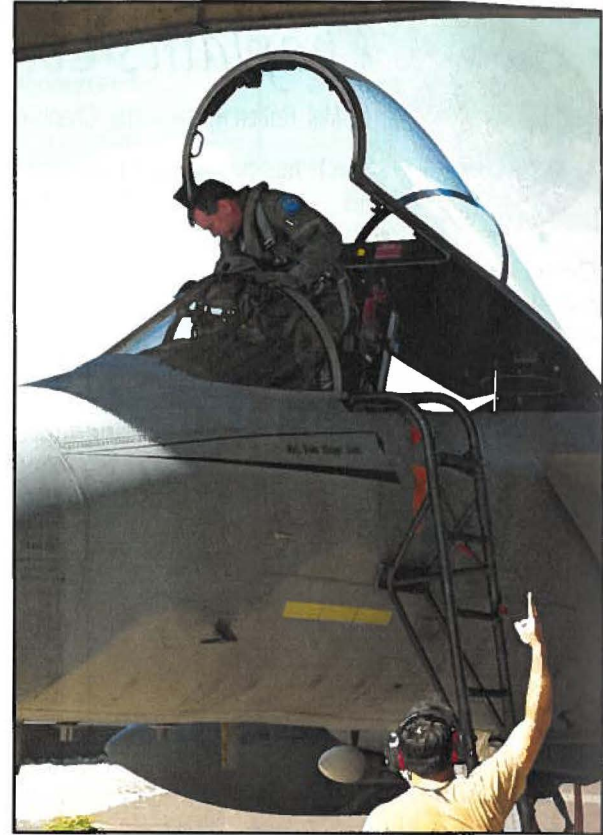
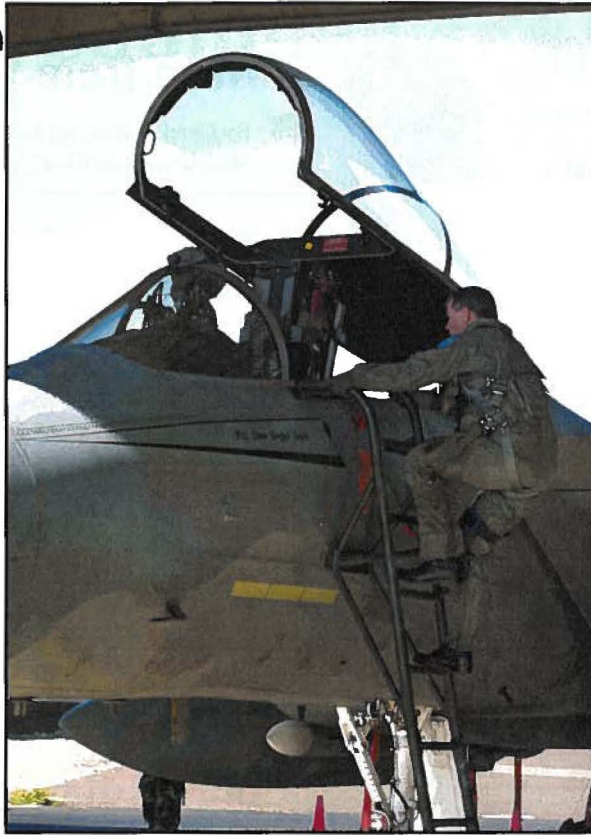
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Sundays  
0715 Nelles Chapel  
1015 Chapel Center



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We are skilled and ready



"While our lives have changed forever, our values and ideals have not. We are the greatest nation in the world, and we remain so because of our people."

*-Brig Gen Richards on September 13, 2001*

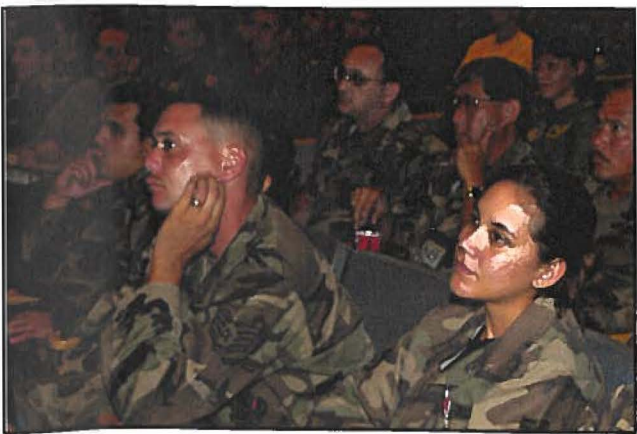




### SCRAMBLE...

Major General Thomas Waskow participates in a mock F-15 scramble, 4 October 2001, at the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199 FS Alert Facility, Hickam AFB.

Photos on these pages taken by SrA Kristen M. Higgins and SrA Sheryl Pierce, 154 WG/CF.



## OFFICER JOB VACANCY

There is a military vacancy (Traditional) in the HQ 154<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group. This position is a Comm-Computer Systems Officer, AFSC 033S3. Tentative plans are to convene an interview/selection board during the November UTA. To apply for this position, you must submit all of the following documents to any HIANG recruiter by COB, Friday, 19 Oct 2001. Please direct questions about this position duties to Col Mick Melich, Commander, 154<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group at 448-7376.

- ★ Completed AF Fm 24—Application for Appointment as Reserve of the Air Force or USAF without component.
- .Military/Civilian resume
- .College transcripts (must be originals). Completion of a bachelor's degree is mandatory.
- .Letter of recommendation. One must be from your current unit commander and/or supervisor.
- .AFOQT scores
- .Prior service documents; DD 214 or NGB 22 if applicable.
- .Completed AF Fm 2030, USAF Drug and Alcohol Abuse Certificate
- .Copies of your last three OPRs, if you are already a commissioned officer.

## THE SOLDIER'S AND SAILOR'S CIVIL RELIEF ACT

By Lt Col James Itamura, Staff Judge Advocate

For the first time in recent history the Hawaii Air National Guard could find itself "federally activated". If this happens members are entitled to all the benefits and protections afforded by a government, which fully appreciates and highly prizes the concept of the citizen soldier.

One such benefit is the protections afforded under the Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act (SSCRA). Congress designed the SSCRA to TEMPORARILY postpone or suspend certain civil obligations. This would better allow the citizen soldier to devote his full attention to their military duties when called upon by their country to drop their everyday affairs and answer their country's call. In specific situations, the SSCRA will hold these obligations off until the citizen soldier returns to the civilian ranks to address them. The SSCRA applies to Guard persons activated under Title 10. The following is a partial list of situations and obligations activated members may receive temporary relief from. For details, speak with a judge advocate.

### Protection against default

The SSCRA enables a member to delay a lawsuit and, conversely, allows them extra time to file a lawsuit.

### Financial Protections

*Interest:* Upon mobilization, all debts a member incurred

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## THRIFT SAVING PLAN (TSP)

The TSP allows participants to save a portion of their pay in a special retirement account administered by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. The money that participants invest in the TSP comes from pre-tax dollars and reduces their current taxable income, investments and earnings that are not taxed until they are withdrawn.

### Fact Sheet

- . Open season for signing up is from 9 Oct - 31 Dec 2001
- . Plan will start in Jan 2002
- . Eligible to sign up - Traditionals, AGRS and Air Technicians (FERS and CSRS)
- . Contribute up to 7% of your basic military pay w/ 1% increases up to 2006 (after 2006 100% - subj to tax deferred limits)
- . Pay source (UTA, annual training, MPA pay, AGR pay, bonus pay, incentive pay, special pay)
- . Currently no matching program
- . Must be authorized by Service Secretary
- . FERS members will have two TSP accounts
- . Contributions are deferred from Federal income taxes
- . State deferred benefits are determined by each state
- . There are no withholding taxes
- . Court ordered payment are honored
- . Contributions from the Combat Zone Tax-Exempt (CZTE) pay are allowed. Tax deferred earnings will be tracked by FM
- . 5 funds to choose from
- . G Fund (Government Securities Investment Fund)
- . C Fund (Common Stock Index Investment Fund)
- . F Fund (Fixed Income Index Investment Fund) - securities
- . S Fund (Small-Capitalization Stock Index Investment Fund)
- . I Fund (International Stock Index Investment Fund)
- . Members will be able to move their accounts via web or change forms

For more information check out this Website:

<http://www.bulletins@tsp.gov>

The 154th Mission Support Flight website on our Wing's intranet has most of the current mobilization information posted. We will update our website with new information as we move forward. Please visit us at:

<https://154web.ang.af.mil/154msf/Mobilization/default.htm>

The 154th Mission Support Flight will field mobilization questions on a hotline: 448-7495. The hotline hours are 0730-1530. We will provide information requested or refer callers to the office which can help them with their questions.

## ANSWERING THE CALL - VOLUNTEERS

Photos and Text by Capt Wayne Acosta

154th SFS Commander

On the 12 of September, the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing Security Forces Squadron immediately recalled 24 volunteers to support the 15<sup>th</sup> ABW. Most of the volunteers are providing ramp security for our F-15 Parking Ramp. They are armed with an M-16 weapon, live ammunition, and a radio. They are working 14 hour days which begins with formation, open rank inspections, weapon & munitions issuance, and guard post.

Because of the increase security requirements, beginning 15 Oct, the squadron will increase the amount of volunteers to 47. The volunteers will be assigned to PACAF, Bellows AFB, 15 ABW, and 154 WG/SFS Headquarters.

When the 154 Wing is asked to answer the call, the men and women of the 154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron volunteered. They are displaying professionalism, dedication, and commitment to duty.

Pictured clockwise are A1C Robert Kim, A1C Kristenlee Kapoana, SSgt Jason Morris and SrA Martin



## HNGEA \$100 Cash Award

By Chief Master Sgt. Steven Kamaura  
Chair, HNGEA Scholarship Committee

Congratulations to CMSgt Annarene Blair as our first HNGEA member to receive a \$100 check from our Continuing Education Program. This program complements our Scholarship Program, but is different in that it is intended to benefit *mid-career* members rather than college students.

The HNGEA awards up to five (5) \$100 reimbursements for educational expenses such as tuition, laboratory fees, books, etc. for each six month period. For the period 1 Jul to 31 Dec 01, applications must be submitted by 31 Jan 02 to HNGEA c/o HQ HIANG, 3949 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, HI 96816-4495. Please contact your First Sergeant for information on how to join the HNGEA.

## Kuka'ilimoku on the 154th Web

Be sure to check-out the [Kuka'ilimoku](#) in color on the intranet!

Just go to the Public Affairs page!!

Have any questions or comments about the newsletter? E-mail them directly to [KUKA'ILIMOKU](#).

*Fuel Your Future*



## HNGEA Scholarship Winners!

By Chief Master Sgt. Steven Kamaura  
Chair, HNGEA Scholarship Committee

The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association (HNGEA) is proud to announce that we have awarded scholarships to the following individuals:

\$1,000 – Mr. Brandon Tanaka, U. of Oregon (son of MSgt Claire Tanaka, 291 CCS, HIANG)

\$500 – Ms. Shari Tanaka, U. of Oregon (daughter of MSgt Fred Takara, 154 MXS, HIANG)

\$500 – Ms. Jaime Yoshimura, U. of New Mexico (daughter of SMSgt Alwyn Yoshimura, HQ 154 Wing, HIANG)

Congratulations to these outstanding individuals. The opportunity to win a scholarship is one of the benefits we offer to HNGEA members and their dependents. Please contact your First Sergeant for information on how to join the HNGEA.

# SGLI Update

Coverage for spouses is **NOT FREE**, it is a deduction from your military paycheck. You must decline the coverage by **31 October 2001** in order to avoid paying the premium. The form needed to decline coverage is available at 154 MPF.

For more information visit the VA Web Site at

[www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm](http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm)



## HOOKANAKA OHANA

A Look at the HIANG Family

By Lt Col Ann Greenlee,  
154 Wing Executive Officer

We are excited, thrilled and extremely happy to welcome Mrs. Loretta Hales to the HIANG as our new Family Readiness Program Coordinator. Loretta was very active in the Utah Air National Guard's family program in the Salt Lake City Area, where she just recently moved from. Loretta, her husband, and their 4 children live on Hickam in the Kamehameha housing area. Her husband is on an active duty tour engineering a new LAN system for HQ PACAF. We are the lucky beneficiaries of her husband's new position as Loretta is already on the job organizing our Family Readiness program.

Loretta served at the wing and state levels in Utah. In addition, she worked on the National Family Program Conference as a presenter and staff member. With such good credentials we are confident that Loretta will easily guide us in establishing a HIANG-unique Family Readiness program. Please welcome her and offer your support towards creating a Family Readiness that provides a strong link between our families and guard members.

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before being mobilized is subject to a 6% cap. That is to say, interest in excess of 6% need not be paid. This includes car loans, credit cards, mortgages, etc. Note that the member must notify the creditor in writing claiming the cap. Note that the member has the responsibility of showing that his ability to pay his obligation has been "materially affected" (remember that phrase) by his being activated. And by the way, the interest over 6% is forgiven, that is it does not need to be re-paid! What a country!

*Leases, evictions and cancellations:* For rental agreements of less than \$1,200, a member's family may delay eviction for 3 months after non-payment where a showing of "material affect" (there's that phrase again) has been made.

*Installment contracts and re-possession of property:* Parties may not re-possess items, like cars, without first obtaining a court order. It is important to inform creditors of your activated status and to be prepared to demonstrate (here comes that phrase again!) "material affect".

*Mortgage foreclosure:* As with installment contracts, real property cannot be foreclosed upon after non-payment without a court order. Of course the concept of material affect applies.

*Storage liens:* A storage company cannot sell a member's stored items for non-payment without a court order where "material affect" is demonstrated.

### Insurance

*Life:* The SSCRA provides some protection from the lapsing of policies for non-payment. Protections are rather involved so check with JAG if you have questions

*Health:* Upon release from duty, an employer is required to re-instate a member with the same status as when he left for active duty (i.e. no wait periods and no penalty for pre-existing condition obtained as a result of active duty).

*Professional:* After Desert Storm, the reserve force experienced a mass exodus of doctors because of problems they experienced with maintaining their very expensive malpractice insurance. The SSCRA requires insurers to suspend and start up coverage with no penalty because of break in service

### Taxes

Payment of federal taxes may be deferred up to 6 months after release from duty if "material affect" is shown.



**ATTENTION!**

Next Deadline is  
**OCTOBER 30**